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Highlights

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: THIS WEEK AT EPA

[EPA Fills Southeast Post, Six Months after Prior Chief Indicted](#)

By Chris Marr

The EPA's southeast region officially has a new administrator—six months after its previous region chief resigned following his criminal indictment.

THIS WEEK IN AIR, WATER AND WASTE

[Obama Wetlands, Waters Rule Blocked Indefinitely in Three States \(1\)](#)

By David Schultz

A federal judge's latest ruling against a major Obama administration regulation related to rivers, streams, wetlands, and other waters means the rule may never take effect in at least three southern states.

[EPA Lets Some Particle Pollution Sources Skip Air Controls](#)

By Amena H. Saiyid

State, local, and tribal air agencies now have the EPA's backing to allow some sources of air pollution to avoid controls even if they are in areas violating federal air quality standards for the particles that form haze and smog.

Fluoride Foes Rack Up Wins, Flummoxing Oral Health Advocates

By David Schultz

Doctors and scientists have called water fluoridation one of the biggest public health successes of the past century, contributing to the more than 40% drop in adult tooth loss since 1945.

Too-Late Sierra Club Loses Challenge to EPA Air Quality Tweaks

By Porter Wells

The Sierra Club Inc. couldn't convince the D.C. Circuit May 31 to take up its challenge of the EPA's recent revision to its air quality regulations.

THIS WEEK IN ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Interior Agrees for Now to Stop Oil, Gas Leasing in Chaco Canyon

By Stephen Lee

Oil and gas leasing will be halted for one year near Chaco Canyon, a group of archaeological sites in northwestern New Mexico, according to Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.).

Oil Industry Poised to Attack as Trump Boosts Ethanol in Fuels

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Mario Parker

Oil industry foes are preparing to go to court to fight an Environmental Protection Agency regulation allowing year-round sales of higher-ethanol E15 gasoline nationwide.

Chevron Nudges Into Legal Battle Over Historic Gulf Lease Sale

By Porter Wells

Chevron USA Inc. wants a say in the courtroom battle over whether the Interior Department properly set up the largest oil and gas lease sale in American history.

Paint-on Solar Tech Could Help Phones, Cars Recharge Off-Grid

By Bobby Magill

Powering a house with solar energy in a decade or two might be more akin to getting a new paint job than installing panels on the roof.

THIS WEEK IN CHEMICALS

EPA Releases Details of Oversight Decisions on New Chemicals **(1)**

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA has begun to give the public greater insight into its oversight of chemicals that are newly made in or imported into the U.S.

EPA Solvent Rule Bars Legitimate Business Sales, Lawsuit **Argues**

By Pat Rizzuto

An EPA rule blocking consumer uses of some paint strippers would wrongly stop retailers from selling methylene chloride-based products to contractors and small businesses, solvent makers challenging the directive say.

THIS WEEK IN CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS

Carbon Goals Seen Needing More From Feds, States, Companies **(1)**

By Abby Smith

Cutting U.S. emissions to near net-zero by mid-century will require an all-in effort, with companies and consumers playing a critical role alongside the federal and state governments, a new report says.

Senate Democrats Push to Keep U.S. in Paris Climate Accord

By Tiffany Stecker

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen will soon introduce legislation to stop the Trump administration from leaving the Paris climate agreement, mirroring a House bill that passed earlier this month.

THIS WEEK FROM THE STATES

New Hampshire Sues 3M, DuPont Over Nonstick Chemicals (1)

By Adrienne Appel

DuPont, 3M, and other chemical manufacturers should pay for their nonstick compounds' contamination of New Hampshire's waterways, the state said in two lawsuits filed May 29.

Colorado Enacts Aggressive Carbon-Reduction Targets (1)

By Tripp Baltz

Colorado will impose some of the most ambitious requirements in the U.S. for cutting climate pollution and accounting for the social cost of carbon after Gov. Jared Polis (D) signed a package of climate and renewable energy bills May 30.

New Colorado Laws Aim to Boost Use of Electric Vehicles

By Tripp Baltz

Colorado's two investor-owned utilities can now own and operate electric vehicle charging stations under a bill signed by the governor.

Ethylene Oxide Use Curbs in Illinois Expected to Become Law (1)

By Stephen Joyce

Illinois Gov. J. B. Pritzker (D) is expected to sign two bills that would regulate ethylene oxide emissions and the companies that use the gas in industrial processes.

California 'Trump Insurance' Targets Environmental Rollback (1)

By Emily C. Dooley

California isn't taking kindly to federal rollbacks of environmental protections, and state lawmakers are seeking to implement a form of "Trump Insurance" to preserve rules put in place prior to the current president's administration.

South Carolina Solar Law 'Silver Lining' of Nixed \$9B Nuke Plant

By Chris Marr

Solar-friendly legislation recently enacted in South Carolina is the "silver lining" to the state's failed \$9 billion nuclear reactor project, according to the state senator who sponsored the legislation.

Massachusetts Will Double Offshore Wind Energy

By Adrienne Appel

Massachusetts wants to double the amount of offshore wind in its portfolio, putting it at the forefront of states turning to offshore wind.

THIS WEEK'S INSIGHTS

INSIGHT: Reducing Flood Risk Before the Storm Is a Matter of Economic Security

The 2017 Atlantic hurricane season was especially damaging, causing over \$282 billion in damages, and the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season was notable for its unusually high death toll. The early start to the 2019 hurricane season and extensive flooding in the Midwest serves as a renewed warning that these trends are continuing and will only worsen with climate change. Four of the five costliest hurricanes to hit the nation have occurred since 2012.

INSIGHT: Reversing a Century of Eroding Trust in Chemicals

Recently, an industry conference that included a session on chemicals management featured representatives of two large retailers, each describing how their policies would require manufacturers to disclose "chemicals of concern" in products, and how each retailer planned to have manufacturers phase-out the use of particular chemicals of concern. Martin Wolf, director of

sustainability and authenticity with Seventh Generation, Inc., outlines how trust in the chemical sector can be revitalized.

INSIGHT: Renewables' Next Frontier: Regional Transmission Orgs

Renewable resources, particularly wind and solar, have experienced tremendous growth in the U.S. Spurred by improved technological performance, declining costs, increased consumer demand, federal tax credits, and state policies, renewables are poised to account for more than 10% of all electricity generated in the U.S. Regional Transmission Organizations are crucial to their growth, Steven Shparber of Nelson Mullins writes.

INSIGHT: Law Firms on Sidelines of Structural Change While New Players Take Field

BigLaw continues making money and tinkering with changes, but other players in the legal market are actually driving structural change. Seyfarth Shaw's J. Stephen Poor says the so-called "law companies," alternative service providers, technology companies, and the Big Four continue to position themselves to take market share from BigLaw.

INSIGHT: Act Now, Document Your Work to Satisfy New DOJ Compliance Guidelines

The DOJ's Criminal Division's updated guidance assists prosecutors in making charging decisions and determining whether a corporation deserves credit for an effective compliance program. Two StoneTurn partners lay out four key themes companies should embrace and offer three tips to test, validate, and audit a compliance program.

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